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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES

1. ON AUGUST 21 THE SECRETARY SENT THE FOLLOWING
MEMORANDUM TO ALL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND OFFICE
DIRECTORS:

"I HAVE OBSERVED THAT MANY UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ARE TOO LARGE AND UNWIELDY TO
ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSIONS WITH EFFICIENCY.

SINCE U.S. DELEGATIONS ARE NEGOTIATING INSTRUMENTS, NOT
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COORDINATORS OF POLICY, ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PRESENCE IS

INDISPENSABLE TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THEM. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR EVERY AGENCY, OR EVERY OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT, TO BE REPRESENTED.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY BROWN AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM TO ASSURE ON MY BEHALF THAT ALL DELEGATIONS ARE KEPT DOWN TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM SIZE REQUIRED TO DO THE JOB. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT THIS POLICY AND IN MAKING IT KNOWN TO YOUR STAFFS."

2. COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED IN ASSURING THAT U.S. DELEGATIONS TO MEETINGS CONVENED IN THEIR HOST COUNTRIES CONSIST ONLY OF THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE ACCREDITATION HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT. SECRETARY'S DIRECTIVE SHOULD NOT BE CIRCUMVENTED BY PERMITTING UNACCREDITED PERSONS TO ATTEND MEETINGS IN ANY CAPACITY.

3. THIS INSTRUCTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CONFERENCE SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT. HOWEVER, SUCH INDIVIDUALS SHOULD NOT BE ACCREDITED AS DELEGATION MEMBERS AND SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND MEETINGS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE VIEWS OF ADDRESSEES ON SIZE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FUTURE DELEGATIONS IN CONTEXT OF ABOVE DIRECTIVE.

5. IF DESIRED, YOUR VIEWS MAY BE SENT ON RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL BASIS ADDRESSED TO ASST SEC BUFFUM IO. KISSINGER

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